2006 Personal Income Tax Software Developer's Guide

Note: This document is based on 2006 Forms dated 09/20/2006

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Because of sizing issues when converted to PDF format, the data layouts are a separate document.

<u>Introduction</u>

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Revenue (DOR) will be accepting 2-D barcodes on the Massachusetts Resident Income Tax return Form 1 with Schedules B, C, CB, D, E, INC, X/Y & Z/DI and Massachusetts Nonresident Income Tax return Form 1 NR/PY with Schedules B, C, CB, D, E, INC, X/Y Z/DI, NTSL-NR & F for tax year 2006.

Failure to produce a 2D barcode on third party returns may result in taxpayers having their returns rejected and the imposition of penalties for noncompliance. See section "Changes to 2006 Massachusetts Income Forms and Schedules" for more information.

See Technical Information Release TIR-04-30 for information on Electronic Filing requirements for Income Tax Taxpayers.

All vendors must use the transparent films and the attached tables to determine field sizes and locations. Do not use the "Red" DOR published forms for anything more than general information. The "Red" forms have more text requirements than the vendor version. Also, a physically larger data area to accommodate handwriting means smaller data fields than the films. This significantly changes the appearance relative to the vendor version of the forms.

The Resident Form 1 layout contains select data from the Resident Form 1 Return, Schedule X/Y, Z, Schedule B, Schedule D and Schedule CB. The Nonresident Form 1 (NR/PY) layout contains select data from Schedule X/Y, Z, Schedule B, Schedule D, Schedule NTSLNR and Schedule CB.

The software must advise taxpayers to review their entire return for accuracy and completeness, paying close attention to:

- Carryover of data from schedules to the form especially if a schedule was added to the return subsequent to the initial return being prepared
- Social Security number correctness
- Name and Address information correctness
- If name and address has changed from the prior filing season, the name and address changed box <u>must</u> be checked

The Department has experienced problems with taxpayer address information being incorrectly presented; specifically, the misuse, of the "Care-of" data field. Please review Taxpayer Registration Rules outlined later in this document; which include samples.

The software <u>must</u> ensure that Name, Address and Social Security information is present prior to printing the return¹.

Also, the software must contain a brief explanation of what a 2-D barcode is and inform taxpayers that any changes made to a return after printing will not be reflected in the 2-D barcode unless they print a new return. Handwritten changes on computer-generated returns are not acceptable and will be given lowest priority within the data workflow. Failure to print a new return after making changes will severely impact DOR processing and introduce errors.

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¹ Rules governing the fields associated with name and address can be found in the section labeled as Taxpayer Registration Rules.

The software must ensure the timely update of 2D encoded data especially in the scenario of multipass data entry². Form M-2210, Form M-4868 & Schedule D-IS is not included in the 2 Dimensional barcode solution; if required, these forms must be included in the documentation sent to the Department as part of the annual Income Tax filing.

Our electronic filing specifications have not changed; they still include the W-2 and 1099 forms. If the taxpayer prints the return, the Schedule INC should print. If the return is sent electronically, the W-2 and/or 1099 forms should be in the same format that you have sent to us in the past³.

A special note to those vendors participating in both Massachusetts Personal Income and Corporate Excise Tax 2D filing solutions: There is fundamental difference between the two filing solutions. That is, Corporate Excise 2D barcodes appear on every page of each form and schedule. However, Personal Income 2D barcodes appear on page one of every form and schedule.

Quality Assurance

The software <u>must</u> ensure that printed data and encoded data in the 2-D barcode are an exact match, except where noted in this document. Any updates to data must be reflected in the 2D barcode prior to a return being printed. This becomes especially important when a return is updated after its initial creation. Changes to any document within a return must flow to every other area of the return, as appropriate. For example, a W2 arriving late to the taxpayer could necessitate an update to the Schedule INC, Form 1 and Schedule CB. A substantial increase in income could negate a schedule CB credit eligibility.

This example also serves to illustrate the importance of reprinting and subsequently filing an updated return <u>in its entirety</u>. In the example, if a new schedule CB was not reprinted and submitted to the Department, the return would fail our validation process requiring a "Post Audit" review of the return. To help identify this type of scenario, the print date and time should be produced at the bottom of each page of every document of the return. Date format is discretionary upon the vendor. The location is to be at row 62, beginning at column 15. There must not be a user option to shut the timestamp off.

General Specifications

Negative Numbers

Unused Data

Paper size

Orientation

Printing

Alphanumeric Data Only 1 space between characters for word separation

Left justified

Numeric Data Whole dollar only, Rounded, Right justified

Use whole dollar format Leading dash (-), floating No Zero fill, No Blank fill

8 1/2" x 11"
Portrait

Single-Sided 12 Point 10 Pitch Courier

Upper Case only text

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² See Quality Assurance section later in this document.

³ See the electronic filing specification document for more information on ELF requirements.

½ inch margin – sides, top and bottom

Lines per Vertical inch 6 (1/16th of an inch)
Characters per Horizontal inch 10 (1/10th of an inch)

Paper weight 20 lb Bond minimum (non-recycled)

Paper Color

Print Color

Print area Horizontal – first

Print area Horizontal – last

Print area Vertical – first

Print area Vertical – last

Column 6

Column 81

Prohibited Shading

Screens in the text area

Reverse Characters (white on black background)

Rotated text (Landscape printing)

Logos and Seals

No Dollar signs in Numeric fields No Commas in Numeric fields

No Decimal Points

No Pennies

No parentheses to represent Negative numbers No text in Numeric fields (such as "None")

The Department realizes that some specifications, such as paper and ink, are beyond the control of vendors. However, these specifications are critical to the successful implementation of the product and should be communicated to your customers.

Mailing Instructions

Refund Returns Massachusetts Department of Revenue

PO Box 7001

Boston, MA 02204-7001

Payment Returns Massachusetts Department of Revenue

PO Box 7002

Boston, MA 02204-7002

NOTE:

It is imperative that **ALL** 2D barcoded personal income tax returns be sent to applicable P.O. box mentioned above. **ALL** 2D barcoded returns sent to these P.O. boxes are prioritized.

A 2D barcoded personal income tax return that is sent to any other Mass DOR P.O. box will be subject to delays in processing.

PDF417 Suggested Specifications⁴

Encode type Normal PDF417

DPI 300 dpi
Pixel shaving ON
Code word count Variable

Encryption

Error Correction Level 4
Mils 10.0
Data Columns Variable
Module Aspect Ratio 2.00 : 1
Data Rows Variable

X Dimension 3

Location Reserved area top right corner of the forms

Reserved space 3.75" x 1.5"

Max Characters 1500

Field Delimiter Carriage Return

End of File Delimiter "*EOD*"

- 1. PDF 417 has error detection and correction capabilities. The more error correction is used, the less data can be communicated in the barcode. With respect to data capture, you either get 100% or nothing. Complete barcode read failures are very uncommon. The tax Application Programming Interface (taxAPI) sets parameters for correction/detection. These parameters should be observed and not altered.
- 2. Based on the experience of previous filing seasons of 2-D barcode use, and due to the low level of deterioration of tax returns (compared to high media-abuse environments) the error correction level in the current market-provided DLL is set to level 4.
- 3. A general rule that can be used to determine if a printer is capable of producing a 2-D barcode is if the printer can produce a graphic such as a tax agency seal or business logo, then the printer should be capable of producing a 2-D barcode that can be scanned.
- 4. Pixel shaving is a technique that produces higher-quality barcodes when printed on lower-quality equipment like inkjet printers. Pixel shaving will result in improved read rates. In the DLL, pixel shaving will always be turned on.
- 5. Increasing the x (horizontal) dimension of the barcode elements from the minimum of 7.5 mils to the maximum of 25 mils will produce the most readable barcodes, especially on low quality ink/bubble jet printers. Whenever possible, software vendors will create a barcode that uses the largest possible x element value for the given space.
- 6. Users are advised that stretching or scaling the barcode (via copying the paper media or the like) changes its integrity and worsens readability; it should not be employed.
- 7. 2-D barcodes should never be rotated. Rotating a 2-D barcode increases processing difficulty and introduces the risk of errors. Since PDF-417 barcodes are read in both the x (horizontal) and y (vertical) directions on a portrait page, rotating them from their natural position can render the barcode "unscannable".

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⁴ Also see Tax Forms Processing – 2D Barcoding Standards: Section 3 as found at WWW.NACTP.ORG. 10/26/2006

1 Dimensional Barcode layout

The 1-D barcode of twelve characters plus leading and trailing asterisks is described here⁵.

112233345555

Field	Name	Characters	Value	Misc.
1	State ID	2	"MA"	
2	Year	2	"06"	
3	Form ID	3	Standard	See Table 3 for
			MASSTAX values.	complete list of Form IDs
4	Page	1	Page number for	Physical page
	Number		form or schedule.	
5	Vendor ID	4	Company ID	See Table 1 for
			assigned by	complete list of Vendor
			NACTP to Form	codes
			Creator	

The following are the 1-D parameters:

1. Code: 39 symbology 2. Twelve characters

3. Ratio: 2.5:1 wide narrow

4. Height: One inch 5. Length: 2 1/2 inches.

6. An alphanumeric version of the 1-D barcode must appear in the exact position specified on the record layout.7

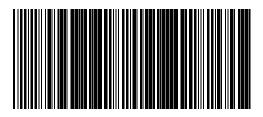
7. "X" dimension (the narrowest bar and/or space) must be at least 1.5 pts (approximately 20 mils or 3/144 ")

8. Each bar in the barcode must be solid. Streaks in the barcode are unacceptable.

9. A ¼" quiet zone around the barcode must be maintained (the bottom edge can have one print line (approximately 3/16") of space below it)

The following barcode represents a potential 1-D barcode for the 2002 Form 1 (DOR hand-printed version).

MA020011M001



 ⁵ The Asterisks are not part of the 1-D value, but part of the Code 39 characteristics.
 ⁶ This does not include the start and stop asterisk

⁷ See pdf for exact positioning. This is generally to the right of the form name.

Table 1: Vendor list with NACTP assigned vendor code

Vendor Codes by Company Name	
1099 Express	1129
1099 Pro	1094
AA Services	1098
Aatrix Software, Inc	1048
Access Indiana	1047
Accounting and Computer Technology	1133
Accountware	1049
AD Computer Corp	1118
ADP, Inc	1050
Advantage Payroll Tax	1084
Alerio	1127
Alpine Data	1011
American Management Systems. Inc	1012
AME Software Products, INC.	1090
Anexsys	1143
Arthur Andersen	1014
ATX Forms	1015
Automation Technology Computing, Inc.	1146
Back to Basics	1016
Block Financial	1017
Business Software	1018
CCH Inc	1019
Ceridian Tax Services	1051
CFS Tax Software, INC.	1086
CPA Software	1021
C & S Technologies	1096
Comerford & CO, CPAs	1106
Compco Assoc	1141
Computerized Planning Systems	1142
Cougar Mountain Software	1130
Creative Solutions	1022
D & P Payroll	1132
D.A. Bailey & Sons Publishing Co., Inc.	1052
DPC, INC	1137
DPJ Software	1144
Data Technology Group	1053
Deloitte & Touche Tax Technologies	1023
Drake Enterprises	1024
Dunphy Systems, Inc	1025
EASI	1105
EG Systems	1139
ExacTax	1026
EZ Laser Software Division of Rahill, LLC	1087
Federal Liaison Services (FLS)	1027
Federation of Tax Administrators	1027
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FileSafe, Inc.	1126
Fileyourtaxes.com	1115
FinSys, Inc	1134
Fleet	1078
FormsPlus Software	1123
Freedom Group	1140
FreeTaxPrep.com	1081
Gardenville Community Center	1055
GaylerSmith	1083
Go Direct Mailing Services, Inc.	1119
Golden Rule Computer Systems	1136
GovConnect	1110
Grant Wood A.E.A.	1131
GTR Data, INC.	1088
H & R Block	1029
HD Vest	1080
Harbor Central.com	1074
Hatley Computer Company	1056
IDMS	1107
Imaging Business Machines	1111
Internet Tax Group	1079
Interpay	1070
Intuit	1030
J & M Business Service	1138
Jackson Hewitt Tax Service	1031
Jackson Insurance	1073
Lacerte Software Corp	1032
Lackner Group, Inc.	1147
LexisNexis	1128
Logicon	1082
MasterTax	1122
Medlin Accounting Shareware	1092
Micro Vision Software	1057
Microsoft	1033
Mitre Corp	1072
MYOB US	1112
NationTax Online	1077
Nelco	1034
Newport Wave , INC.	1100
No Limit Systems, LP	1113
NP Systems	1104
Orrtax	1035
PayChex	1124
Paycor	1121
PayCycle	1114
PC Software Accounting	1089
PDP Tax Service	1036
Parsons Technology	1058
Petz Enterprises, Inc.	1037
Plenary Systems, Inc.	1097

Price Waterhouse LLC	1059
PrimePay	1148
PRO Business	1060
RefundsNow/Republic Bank and Trust	1116
Rhodes Computer Software	1038
RIA	1062
Ron Callis CPA	1063
Sage BestSoftware	1117
Saxon Tax Software	1076
Second Story Software	1064
Spokane Computer, Inc.	1093
Stallion Software	2601
tax agency of New Mexico	1135
STF Service Corp	1039
Storen Tax Serice	1145
SunGard Bi Tech	1125
Suran Systems	1108
Tax Accounting Systems	1103
Taxbyte, Inc	1041
Tax Form Library	1065
Taxlink, Inc	1066
Tax Masters/Household Bank, FSB	1042
TaxShop	1071
Tax Simple, Inc.	1067
Taxware Systems	1068
Taxworks by Laser Systems	1043
Teamstaff, Inc/DSI Payroll Services	1091
TFP Data Systems	1095
TK Publishing, Inc	1044
Tri Tech Software Dev Corp	1069
Universal Software Solutions	1102
Universal Tax Systems, Inc	1045
VT State Housing Authority	1085
Versatile Group	1099
Vertex, Inc.	1120
Visual Forms	1100
AD Computer Corp.	1118

Vendor Codes by Assigned Number	
Alpine Data	1011
American Management Systems. Inc	1012
Arthur Andersen	1014
ATX Forms	1015
Back to Basics	1016
Block Financial	1017
Business Software	1018
CCH Inc	1019
CPA Software	1013
Creative Solutions	1021
Deloitte & Touche Tax Technologies	1022
Drake Enterprises	1023
Dunphy Systems, Inc	1024
ExacTax	1023
Federal Liaison Services (FLS)	1020
Federation of Tax Administrators	1027
H & R Block	
	1029
Intuit Jackson Hewitt Tax Service	1030
	1031
Lacerte Software Corp	1032
Microsoft	1033
Nelco	1034
Orrtax	1035
PDP Tax Service	1036
Petz Enterprises, Inc.	1037
Rhodes Computer Software	1038
STF Service Corp	1039
Taxbyte, Inc	1041
Tax Masters/Household Bank, FSB	1042
Taxworks by Laser Systems	1043
TK Publishing, Inc	1044
Universal Tax Systems, Inc	1045
Access Indiana	1047
Aatrix Software, Inc	1048
Accountware	1049
ADP, Inc	1050
Ceridian Tax Services	1051
D.A. Bailey & Sons Publishing Co., Inc.	1052
Data Technology Group	1053
Gardenville Community Center	1055
Hatley Computer Company	1056
Micro Vision Software	1057
Parsons Technology	1058
Price Waterhouse LLC	1059
PRO Business	1060
RIA	1062
Ron Callis CPA	1063
Second Story Software	1064

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Taxlink, Inc	1066
Tax Simple, Inc.	1067
Taxware Systems	1068
Tri Tech Software Dev Corp	1069
Interpay	1070
TaxShop	1070
Mitre Corp	1071
Jackson Insurance	1072
Harbor Central.com	1073
Eastman Kodak	1074
Saxon Tax Software	1075
NationTax Online	1077
Fleet	1078
Internet Tax Group	1079
HD Vest	1080
FreeTaxPrep.com	1081
Logicon	1082
GaylerSmith	1083
Advantage Payroll Tax	1084
VT State Housing Authority	1085
Stallion Software	2601
CFS Tax Software, INC.	1086
EZ Laser Software Division of Rahill, LLC	1087
TFP Data Systems	1095
GTR Data, INC.	1088
PC Software Accounting	1089
AME Software Products, Inc.	1090
Teamstaff, INC./ DSI Payroll Services	1091
Medlin Accounting Shareware	1092
Spokane Computer, INC.	1093
1099 PRO	1094
C & S Technologies	1096
Plenary Systems, Inc.	1097
AA Services	1098
Versatile Group	1099
Visual Forms	1100
Newport Wave, Inc.	1101
Universal Software Solutions	1102
Tax Accounting Systems	1103
NP Systems	1104
EASI	1105
Comerford & CO, CPAs	1106
IDMS	1107
Suran Systems	1108
Business Software, INC.	1109
GovConnect	1110
Imaging Business Machines	1111
MYOB US	1112
No Limit Systems, LP	1113
1.15 Emili Oyotomo, El	1113

PayCyclo	1111
PayCycle	1114
Fileyourtaxes.com	1115
RefundsNow/ Republic Bank and Trust	1116
Sage BestSoftware	1117
AD Computer Corp.	1118
GO Direct Mailing Services, Inc.	1119
Vertex, Inc.	1120
Paycorp	1121
Master Tax	1122
FormsPlus Software	1123
PayChex	1124
SunGard Bi Tech	1125
FileSafe, Inc.	1126
Alerio	1127
LexisNexis	1128
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Freedom Group	1140
Compco Associates	1141
Computerized Planning Systems	1142
ANEXSYS	1143
DPJ Software	1144
Storen Tax Service	1145
Automation Technology Computing, Inc	1146
Lackner Group, INC	1147
PrimePay	1148
BVS Corp	1149
Independent Systems and Programming, Inc.	1150
Reynolds and Reynolds	1151
Watauga Medical Center	1152
VB Systems	1153
HJP Associates, INC.	1154
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Table 2: 2-D Barcode size and location

		_			Max Number
<u></u>	Max Byte	<u>Barcode</u>			Form / Schedule
<u>Form</u>	Per Form	<u>Location</u>	Per Return	<u>Pages</u>	<u>per return</u>
Form 1	1230	Form 1 Pg 1	1	2	1
Schedule INC	1028	Pg 1	As needed	1	As needed
Schedule C	432	Pg 1	As needed	2	As needed
Schedule D	208	Pg 1	As needed	1	1
Schedule B	318	Pg 1	As needed	2	1
Schedule D-IS	N/A	N/A	N/A	5	1
Schedule CB	167	Pg 1	As needed	1	As needed
Schedule E	198	Pg 1	As needed	1	1
Schedule X/Y	52	Pg 1	As needed	1	1
Schedule Z/DI	338	Pg 1	As needed	1	1
Form 1-NRPY	1482	Form-NRPY Pg 1	1	3	1
Schedule NTSLNR/F	253	Pg 1	As needed	1	As needed

Table 3: Form ID

The Form IDs below are used in both the 1-D barcode and the 2-D barcode header section.

<u>Form</u>	Form ID
Form 1	001
Schedule B	010
Schedule C	011
Schedule CB	026
Schedule D	012
Schedule E	013
Schedule D-IS*	027
Schedule X/Y	SXY
Schedule Z/DI	ZDI
Schedule INC	INC
Form 1 NRPY	006
Schedule NTSLNR/F	021
Form M-4868*	046
Form M-2210*	016
Schedule TDS*	TDS

^{*} Not currently part of the 2D solution.

Data Specifications

General

See specific form booklets for detailed line item instructions. Pending legislation may affect some line items. See instructions and DOR web site for any last minute updates.

Failure to produce a 2D barcode on third party returns may result in taxpayers having their returns rejected and the imposition of penalties for noncompliance. Those vendors whose software allows the user to choose to print the 2D barcode or not, should default to "print". For those vendors who choose to allow DRAFT versions of a return to be printed, the Department would prefer a 2D barcode to be included in the draft printing. However, in lieu of the 2D barcode for a draft, please print the following text in the 2D reserved area: "DO NOT MAIL. MISSING 2D BAR CODE".

To allow the paid preparer to verify that their printer can produce the 1D barcode, 2D barcode and anchors, the Department suggests that the software providers include a test page containing a 2D barcode, 1D barcode & anchors. Together, with appropriate instructions and text explaining what the barcodes are and why they are important, the Department hopes to avoid rejecting returns or imposing penalties for cases were barcodes are missing.

For those returns prepared by someone other than the taxpayer, identifying fields Preparer Name, phone, and PTIN/EIN are mandatory. The software geared towards professionals, must insure that paid preparer information has been entered prior to printing.

Form 1

The Form 1 layout has selected Form 1 data as well as Schedule X/Y, Schedule Z, Schedule B, Schedule D data and Schedule CB data. Only one Form 1 per Return Filing is allowed.

The value of accurate taxpayer name and address information is self-evident and as important is consistency. To that end, attached below are standard address abbreviations that are to be used when formatting BOTH print and 2D address fields.

Apartment, Suite, and Room numbers should be placed in the Apartment Number field. Acceptable values are numeric digits and alpha letters. DO NOT include the "Apt." prefix, pound signs (#), dashes or any other special characters. Please discontinue the practice of concatenating street address and apartment number values. When printing, the apartment number should be a separate field on the form now.

If the taxpayer or spouse is deceased, prefix the First Name field with the following text as appropriate. The text should be in all capital letters and, if need be, part of the first name would be truncated. Lastly, there is a space after the "F" in the word "OF" and the "R" in the word "OR".

- 'EST OF' for primary taxpayer if deceased (always)
- 'EST OF' for spouse is primary is also deceased (filing status "Joint" only)
- 'OR' for spouse if primary deceased and spouse NOT deceased (filing status "Joint" only)
- 'OR EST OF' for spouse if primary is NOT & spouse IS deceased (filing status "Joint" only)

In cases where a Decedent's Return is to be filed, the Claimant's Name must appear in the "Care-Of" line of the Address.

When filing a Joint return, the spouse's social security number must be present. In cases where the spouse is a Non-Resident Alien, use NRANRANRA as the social security number. If the spouse has applied for, but has not yet received a number, use APPAPPAPP as the social security number.

When filing "Married Filing Separate", the spouse's social security number must be present.

Line 8 has part A & B, which represents Unemployment and Mass State Lottery winnings. The data subtotals across to the Line 8 field.

If a deduction is not being taken on Line 13, the number of children MUST be zero or blank.

Care must be taken when programming the Rental Deduction amount, as the amount must be half the total rent for the year to a MAXIMUM of \$3,000.

In the event the taxpayer is eligible to take the "No Tax Status" designation, the remainder of the form MUST still be completed.

If the Earned Income Credit is not being taken, the number of children MUST be zero or blank. See instructions for BOTH IRS (Federal) and Massachusetts State income tax for changes in thresholds to the EIC calculation.

If the taxpayer so chooses, an optional tax rate of 5.85% may be chosen. Field 84 must be filled in for this rate to be used. The default rate (currently 5.3%) will be taken if Field 84 is not filled in.

Form 1NRPY

The Form 1 NRPY layout has selected Form 1 NRPY data as well as Schedule X/Y, Schedule Z, Schedule B, Schedule D, Schedule NTSLNR and Schedule CB data. Only one Form 1 NRPY per Return Filing is allowed.

The value of accurate taxpayer name and address information is self-evident and as important is consistency. To that end, attached below are Standard Addressing abbreviations that are to be used when formatting the data for BOTH print and 2D encoded address fields.

Total Income from US form 1040 allows negative values.

For those vendors allowing Composite Returns to be filed using their software, the following apply:

Residential Status (field 36) must be a "C" for Composite Return

The SSN field should contain the Company FID Number

Taxpayer Last Name must have a value of 'NONRESPART'

Taxpayer First Name must have the company name in it. Overflow to the Care of Lines The **street**, **city**, **state** and **zip** fields should be completed adhering to same processing rules as any routine NRPY income tax return.

There must be no Exemption Dollars

There must be no Deduction Dollars

Apartment, Suite, and Room numbers should be placed in the Apartment Number field. Acceptable values are numeric digits and alpha letters. DO NOT include the "Apt." prefix, pound signs (#), dashes or any other special characters. Please discontinue the practice of concatenating street address and apartment number values. When printing, the apartment number should be a separate field on the form now.

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In cases where a Decedent's Return is to be filed, the Claimant's Name must appear in the "Care-Of" line of the Address.

When filing a Joint return, the spouse's social security number must be present. In cases where the spouse is a Non-Resident Alien, use NRANRANRA as the social security number. If the spouse has applied for, but has not yet received a number, use APPAPPAPP as the social security number.

When filing "Married Filing Separate", the spouse's social security number must be present.

Line 10 has part A & B, which represents Unemployment and Mass State Lottery winnings. The data subtotals across to the Line 10 field.

Income apportionment (Line 13) requires special mention here. There are instances when a taxpayer and spouse each have different methods of apportioning their income. For example, a husband and wife are both long haul truck drivers. The husband may find it better to apportion his income generated in Massachusetts by the number of miles he drives in the state. The wife, who works part time, may find it better to apportion by the number of days she drives in Massachusetts.

If the vendor software allows such a scenario, there is room set aside in the 2D barcode layout that allows for 2 sets of apportionment data to be captured. You will see that there are data items named "T Basis" (field 64) and "S Basis" (field 72) and they both refer to line 13a of the Form 1NRPY. If the vendor software does not allow for this scenario, then the series of "S" fields for line 13 are simply left blank.

If not taking a deduction on Line 17, the number of children MUST be zero or blank.

Care must be taken when programming the Rental Deduction amount, as the amount must be half the total rent for the year to a MAXIMUM of \$3,000⁸.

In the event the taxpayer is eligible to take the "No Tax Status" designation, the remainder of the form MUST still be completed.

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⁸ This is apportioned as necessary. 10/26/2006 Rev 2006-2.0

If the Earned Income Credit is not being taken, the number of children MUST be zero or blank. See instructions for BOTH IRS (Federal) and Massachusetts State income tax for changes in thresholds to the EIC calculation.

If the taxpayer so chooses, an optional tax rate of 5.85% may be chosen. Field 113 must be filled in for this rate to be used. The default rate (currently 5.3%) will be taken if Field 113 is not filled in.

Schedule B

Only one Schedule B per Return Filing is allowed. The Schedule B layout EXCLUDES data found in the Form 1 or NRPY layout. We do not want to duplicate data.

Schedule C

As many Schedule C per Return Filing as needed.

An Employer Identification Number (EIN) is required if a taxpayer has <u>any</u> employees or meets any of the requirements outlined at:

http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/article/0,,id=97872,00.html. We want all taxpayers that are required to have an EIN to enter it.

Schedule CB

Late legislative updates may affect various line item limitations.

As many Schedule CB per Return Filing as needed.

The Schedule CB layout has fields NOT found in the Form 1 or NRPY layout. We do not want to duplicate data.

Senior circuit breaker maximum amount is \$840 (Lines 20 & 24).

Maximum valuation on Line 2 is \$600.000.

Maximum amounts on Line 12 are as follows:

Single - \$45,000 HOH - \$56,000 Joint - \$67,000

Schedule D

Only one Schedule D per Return Filing is allowed. The Schedule D layout EXCLUDES data found in the Form 1 or NRPY layout. We do not want to duplicate data.

Schedule D-IS

New for 2003, only one Schedule D-IS per Return Filing is allowed. Not part of the 2D solution but must be included in the filed return, as needed.

Schedule E

Only one Schedule E per Return Filing is allowed.

Schedule INC

As many Schedule INC per Return Filing as needed. Schedule INC contains select W-2 and 1099 taxpayer and spouse data. There is no requirement that the paper versions of these forms be attached to the taxpayer's return. It replaces up to 20 forms W-2, W-2G, 1099R, 1099MISC or 1099G. The taxpayer should retain these forms for 3 years.

All W-2 and 1099 earnings must be reported on Schedule INC. This schedule MUST be included with the return. Failure to submit Schedule INC WILL delay any applicable refund, as the return will be considered incomplete. Multiple Schedule INC may be submitted as needed. Totals at the bottom of the schedule represent the totals for that page only.

Use this matrix to determine where to get the data for the Schedule INC. The FID that's required on the Schedule INC is located in Box b on the Taxpayer's W2 form, but it is found elsewhere on the 1099-R form. State Income on the Schedule INC is found in box 1 of the W2G form, and box 1 of the Federal version of the 1099-G form. Taxpayer & Spouse Social Security amounts are only found on the W2 forms; no other forms have that data.

			<u>State</u>	<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Spouse</u>
<u>Form</u>	Fed ID No.	State Income	<u>Withheld</u>	Social Sec	Social Sec
W2	Box b	Box 16 & Box	Box 17	Box 4 & Box	Box 4 & Box
		8 as needed		6 as needed	6 as needed
W2G	Top Left Corner	Box 1	Box 14	N/A	N/A
1099-R	Top Left Corner	Box 12	Box 10	N/A	N/A
1099-Misc	Top Left Corner	Box 18	Box 16	N/A	N/A
Fed 1099-G	Top Left Corner	N/A	Box 5	N/A	N/A
MA 1099-G	Top Left Corner	Box 3 *	Box 5	N/A	N/A

(*) Massachusetts 1099-G has two fields on the bottom half of the form: one is the "Repayment" amount and the other is "Credits". Both of which are subtracted from the amount in Box 3. Instructions for the taxpayer must be very clear on how to handle this form.

Schedule NTSL-NR / F

As many Schedule NTSL-NR / F per Return Filing as needed. If multiple Schedule F's are required, then any data pertinent to the NTSL-NR must be cleared for subsequent versions. Special attention must be paid to fields 11 and 12 in the 2D layouts to track the multiple barcodes.⁹

Schedule X/Y

Only one Schedule X/Y per Return Filing is allowed. Schedule Y does not allow for negative values in the money fields

Schedule Z/DI

Only <u>one</u> Schedule Z/DI per Return Filing is allowed.

If there are more than four dependents, include subsequent data as part of an attachment. If there are more than three states, include subsequent data as part of an attachment.

See instructions for details.

Other

With the exception of Form M-2210 & Form M-4868, those forms and schedules NOT in Table 2 will not have a 2-D barcode and must be retained by the taxpayer for 3 years. Form M-2210 & Form M-4868 still must be sent with the return as needed.

⁹ See below: Handling Multiple Instances of the Same Schedule 10/26/2006 Rev 2006-2.0

Attachment Inventory

The inventory fields are in place to help the Department verify document integrity. If the inventory contains two Schedule Cs, then our recognition software will also equal two. We will be able to validate against misidentified forms and schedules, as well as request submission from the taxpayer who is truly missing forms and schedules.

In the 2-D layouts below, field 10 represents an inventory - physical page count for the return. So for example, if the return only consists of a Form 1 and one Schedule INC, then the count would be 3: Form 1 front and back and 1 Schedule INC. Another example would be Form 1 and two Schedule Cs having a count of 6: Form 1 front and back and Schedule C front and back twice. In the event that a given 2-D barcode cannot be read, the inventory is repeated in every barcode.

In the Form 1 2-D barcode, fields 11 through 19 show a breakdown of what is included in the taxpayer's return. Most often, field 11 would be one (1), meaning there is one Form 1 in the return; field 12 could be either zero (0) or one (1); field 13 could be zero (0) or whatever the number of Schedule C's which were included in the return.

To reiterate for clarity, field 10 counts the number of sides of every piece of paper that has taxpayer data on it. However, fields 11 through 19 count the number of a given form type that is included in the return. Field 19 counts those form types NOT expressly represented in Fields 11 through 18. Field 19 should-not include any worksheets (for example AGI calculation) nor should explanatory or overflow attachments be included. It should-not include any form or schedule (Massachusetts or Federal or Other State's) to be mailed to DOR as part of the return being filed.

Field number 17, in the Form 1 & NRPY specification documents, counts the number of Schedule X/Y & Schedule Z/DI being filed. This value can be zero, one or two.¹⁰

Multiple Instances of the Same Schedule

Also in the 2-D layout, fields 11 and 12 are to be used when multiples of the same schedule are submitted. For example, if three Schedule C forms were sent as part of the return, then the first instance of the Schedule C would have field 11 as 1 and field 12 as 3. The second Schedule C would have field 11 as 2 and field 12 as 3; and lastly, the third Schedule C would have field 11 as 3 and field 12 as 3. If only one Schedule E was supplied, then field 11 and field 12 would both be 1. In the event that any given 2-D barcode cannot be read, the schedule inventory for the return is repeated in every barcode.

Taxpayer Registration Rules

The following rules are for both the PRINTED data and the ENCODED data in the 2-D barcode. In the event that this guide does not address a specific scenario, please refer to the 'Postal Addressing Standards' document at http://pe.usps.gov/cpim/ftp/pubs/Pub28/Pub28.pdf

- . Alpha characters must be in upper case only
- . Use no punctuation or symbols. If a fraction is part of the street address, enter a forward

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¹⁰ See Changes for 2006: Schedule Z/DI for more. 10/26/2006 Rev 2006-2.0

facing slash (/). Note: This is the ONLY symbol that may be used in the taxpayer name and address area. *Hyphens and Apostrophes are also prohibited*.

- . Do NOT include titles or ranks such as DR, MD, ENSIGN, SGT etc.
- . Use Roman Numerals (alpha character) for numeric suffixes
- . Never allow a space in a name field except as a prefix to JR, SR, II etc.
- . The SSN must be nine digits (no dashes)
- An address of a Post Office Box is formatted in the following manor:
 PO BOX ####. All capital letters, one space between the "O" of "PO" and the "B" of Box, one space after the "X" in BOX, and as many digits as needed for the box number.
- . Use standard abbreviations for the suffix of the street name (included below).
- . Additional address field is a supplemental field used for "in care of" name and additional address information as needed.
- If there is an Apartment, Suite or Room number in the address, that information should be placed in the Apartment Number field. Do not include the "APT" prefix or any characters other than numbers or letters.¹¹
- In example 4, the address is the address of "Lenny Lawyer" NOT the taxpayer. In this example we are interested in the address of where any correspondence is to be sent.
- Never abbreviate the name of a foreign country. When the address is outside the United States, the name of the country is keyed in the City field & "FC" is keyed in the State field.
- Print Example 1 and 2 illustrates the order in which DOR will print the Address fields on an envelope. When we have no data for a field, we omit printing that line.
- . ZIP code can be 9 or 5 digits (no dash)

Print Example 1		
Data	Field Names	Print Order on the Envelope
DAVID ADAMS	Taxpayer Name	DAVID ADAMS
LIZ ADAMS	Spouse Name	LIZ ADAMS
1 BADGER PL	Street	C/O WI CHEATEM HOWE
BOSTON MA 02126	City State ZIP	DIVISION OF TAXATION
C/O WI CHEATEM HOWE	Care of Line 1	1 BADGER PL
DIVISION OF TAXES	Care of Line 2	BOSTON MA 02126
Print Example 2		
PAT OCONNOR	Taxpayer Name	PAT OCONNOR
1 MAIN ST	Street	C/O WILLIAM WILLIAMS
BOSTON MA 02128	City State ZIP	1 MAIN ST
C/O WILLIAM WILLIAMS	Care of Line 1	BOSTON MA 02128

The following examples map data to field names in the 2D Layout:

Example 3		Example 4	
JOE CAMPUS	Taxpayer Name	BILL BLAST	Taxpayer Name
APT 1202	Apartment No	C/O LEN LAWYER	Care of Line 1
14 HARVARD ST	Street	SUITE 1123A	Apartment No
BOSTON MA 02127	City State Zip	121 SAMUELS AV	Street
		BOSTON MA 02128	City State Zip
Example 5		Example 6	

¹¹ APT and SUITE verbiage is included in example 1 and example 2 for clarity only. 10/26/2006

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PATRICK CLARK	Taxpayer Name	ENRIQUE LOPEZ	Taxpayer Name
LONDON WIP 691 Q	Street	SANTANA 12	Street
ENGLAND	City	CHILE	City
FC	State	FC	State
00000 0000	Zip	00000 0000	Zip
12543 ROYAL CT	Care of Line 1	PO BOX 478	Care of Line 1
Example 7		Example 8	
PIERRE ROY	Taxpayer Name	FELIX UNGER	Taxpayer Name
75008 PARIS	Street	COPENHAGEN	Street
FRANCE	City	DENMARK	City
FC	State	FC	State
00000 0000	Zip	00000 0000	Zip
99 RUE DE LIBERTAD	Care of Line 1	C/O GENERAL DELIVERY	Care of Line 1
Example 9			
SEAN BROWN	Taxpayer Name		
DUBLIN 1	Street		
IRELAND	City		
FC	State		
00000 0000	Zip		
TEA LTD	Care of Line 1		
77 EDEN QUAY	Care of Line 2		

- . Military "APO" or "FPO" addresses
 - Enter "APO" or "FPO" in the first three positions of the city field
 - DO NOT enter the name of the city for "APO" and "FPO" addresses; and
 - . Enter two-digit state code in the state field:

 State Code
 ZIP code range

 AA
 34000 – 34099

 AE
 09000 – 09999

AP 96200 – 96699 and 98700 – 98799

- In the state field, use the standard two-digit abbreviation for the state or United States possessions. (included below)
- . If foreign address, enter country beginning in the state field

Standard Abbreviations

Air Force Base	AFO	Apartment	APT	Avenue	AV
Boulevard	BL	Building	BLD	Circle	CIR
Court	CT	Department	DEP	Drive	DR
East*	E	Highway	HWY	Lane	LN
North*	N	Northeast*	NE	Northwest*	NW
Number	NO	Parkway	PKY	Place	PL
Post Office Box	PO BOX	Road	RD	San	SN
South*	S	Southeast*	SE	Southwest*	SW
Space	SP	Square	SQ	Street	ST
Suite	STE	Terrace	TER	Unit	UN
Way	WY	West*	W		

^{*}abbreviate only when used as a direction

State or U.S. Possessions Abbreviations

Alabama	AL	Alaska	AK	American Samoa	AS
Arizona	ΑZ	Arkansas	AR	California	CA
Colorado	CO	Connecticut	CT	Delaware	DE
District of Columbia	DC	Federated States Micronesia	FM	Florida	FL
Georgia	GA	Guam	GU	Hawaii	Η
Idaho	ID	Illinois	IL	Indiana	IN
Iowa	ΙA	Kansas	KS	Kentucky	KY
Louisiana	LA	Maine	ME	Maryland	MD
Marshall Islands	МН	Massachusetts	MA	Michigan	MI
Minnesota	MN	Mississippi	MS	Missouri	MO
Montana	MT	Nebraska	NE	Nevada	NV
New Hampshire	NH	New Jersey	NJ	New Mexico	NM
New York	NY	North Carolina	NC	North Dakota	ND
Northern Mariana Islands	MP	Ohio	ОН	Oklahoma	OK
Oregon	OR	Palau	PW	Pennsylvania	PA
Puerto Rico	PR	Rhode Island	RI	South Carolina	SC
South Dakota	SD	Tennessee	TN	Texas	TX
Utah	UT	Vermont	VT	Virgin Islands	VI
Virginia	VA	Washington	WA	West Virginia	WV
Wisconsin	WI	Wyoming	WY		

Changes to 2006 Massachusetts Income Forms and Schedules

General

All forms and schedules are whole dollar only.

Form 1

Personal exemptions have increased to \$3,850 for single or married filing separately, \$5,950 for head of household, or \$7,700 for married filing jointly.

Calculation for Limited Income Credit adjusted due to Personal exemption increases. See instructions.

Added bubble to indicate filing of Schedule TDS on page 1 Added bubble to line 25, Credit Recapture, that indicates a "Historic Rehabilitation Credit".

Form 1-NRPY

Personal exemptions have increased to \$3,850 for single or married filing separately, \$5,950 for head of household, or \$7,700 for married filing jointly.

Added bubble to indicate filing of Schedule TDS on age 1 Added bubble to line 25, Credit Recapture, that indicates a "Historic Rehabilitation Credit".

Schedule INC

No Changes

Schedule X

Appears on a form with only Schedule Y

Schedule Y

Appears on a form with only Schedule X.

This schedule does not allow for negative values in any of the money fields.

Line 9 has two less radio buttons.

New line 15 for "Claim of right deduction"; renumbered Schedule Y accordingly

Schedule Y, new line 16 for "Commuter deduction" is back.

Schedule Z

No more than one of these schedules need be filed. If there are more than three states, include subsequent data as part of an attachment.

Line 5, Brownfields Certificate is new;

New line 9 for Film Incentive credit and Film Incentive Certificate;

New line 10 for Medical Devices credit and Medical Devices Certificate;

renumbered Schedule Z accordingly

Schedule DI

Used to identify up to four dependents. No more than one of these schedules need be filed. If there are more than four dependents, include subsequent data as part of an attachment.

Schedule B

No Changes

Schedule C

No Changes

Schedule CB

Line 2 maximum has increased to \$684,000

Line 12 maximums have increased to \$46,000 \$58,000 & \$70,000

Lines 20 & 24 maximums have increased to \$870

Schedule D

No Changes

Schedule E

No Changes

Schedule NTSL-NR

Line 11, No Tax Status amounts, increased (due to increase in personal exemption amounts) to \$15,300 for married filing jointly and \$13,550 for head of household

Line 12, Limited Income Credit amounts, increased (due to increase in personal exemption amounts) to \$26,775 for married filing jointly and \$23,713 for head of household

Schedule F

No Changes

Vendor requirements for passing certification testing

DOR does acknowledge that not every vendor can maintain the same level of sophistication in terms of what types of tax scenarios its software can handle. DOR takes a fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers in certifying a vendor as acceptable. DOR does expect vendors to provide the highest possible quality in the areas of appearance, functionality and accuracy in delivering their product to the market place.

See Massachusetts Department of Revenue Publication 'Handbook for Reproduction of Non-Scannable Department of Revenue Forms' Section 1.3 for guidance regarding who needs to pass certification testing. To paraphrase: Any company that develops and uses substitute Massachusetts Department of Revenue forms MUST get approval from the Department. If the company develops substitute tax forms using its own tax software; develops tax software programs to be used with substitute tax forms developed by another company; or, develops substitute tax forms for other companies to use with their tax software, the company MUST get approval from the Department.

The company must have forms reviewed annually <u>prior to release</u> of the substitute forms. The Department has noticed that some customers were submitting returns created by pre-approved, but outdated software. DOR mails those returns back to taxpayers with an explanatory letter.

Vendors who pass certification must provide a copy of their DOR Approval letter to tax practitioners or other tax software and substitute tax form vendors.¹²

Vendors are encouraged to submit test samples early to avoid approval delays. DOR will make every effort to review and approve forms within 10 days of receipt. See contact list for where to submit test forms.

Forms will be tested for format and readability in the order in which they are received by the Department. DOR only approves the appearance of the printed substitute form, the 1-D barcode value and the 2-D barcode readability. DOR does not certify the logic of specific software, nor calculations entered on any forms. DOR does not approve specific equipment or the process used in producing the substitute forms, but does require that the substitute forms meet the Department's standards.

Failure to comply with these requirements WILL cause returns to misread and reject as errors in processing. As a result, issuance of refund checks will be slowed to customers. DOR will capture vendor data and monitor processing results. Specifically the Department will track readability of returns with respect to field read rates, as well as tracking 2-D barcode read problems.¹³ Each page has a unique 1-D barcode that the imaging software uses to identify the page in the event that the 2-D barcode cannot be read.

Fixed (Exact) Positioning

DOR requires exact positioning for all data elements on every form and schedule for certification, as well as the 2-D barcode readability. Certification status will be posted on the DOR's web site at http://www.mass.gov/dor

¹² See also, Section 1.4 of 'Handbook for Reproduction of Non-Scannable Department of Revenue Forms'

¹³ Not printer introduced problems for which the vendor has no control

All optical scanner enabled forms are required to have anchors. The anchors must be placed in accordance with the Department's exact positioning requirements for that form. Each form must contain the exact number of tax data fields, taxpayer ID fields, line items, optical mark fields and keying symbols as the state issued form. The position of all OCR-readable fields must appear in the exact location as specified in the record layout. Returns not following the exact positioning requirements will be given a lower priority than those following the requirements. DOR has an Imaging based automatic data capture system in place. Image based technology requires exact positioning for data to be captured. In the event that a 2-D barcode is unreadable, the exact positioning will allow software to capture and "read" the data.

Anchors

- . Four anchors; one in each corner; must be present on all pages
- Anchors must be in the exact same location on all pages and must be in the exact location specified in the transparent films sent to each vendor
- Each anchor must consist of an angle bar formed by the intersection of one horizontal and one vertical line
- Line thickness should be 3 points (3/72").
- . Line length should be ¼"
- . No solid, filled (black) area should be with 2cm (approximately 3/4") of any anchor

Data Entry Keying Marks

. Data Entry keying symbols must be produced where applicable. If you are unable to reproduce an arrow, you may substitute a bullet.

Optical Mark Fields

- . A single upper case "X" must be used to indicate a response in an optical mark field
- . No underlining or enclosing of optical mark fields
- . One blank character space must immediately proceed and follow an optical mark field
- . If a field is not applicable, it must be left blank.

Negative Amounts

- . Negative amounts or losses must be preceded by a minus sign ("-")
- . Use of parentheses or "X" boxes¹⁴ is not acceptable
- Language regarding the use of "X" boxes must not be printed on the substitute forms

Signature Area

- . Taxpayer signature and paid preparer information and signature area must be formatted in the same manner as the official Department form
- Underlining is permitted only in the area allotted for the taxpayer, spouse and paid preparer's signatures

Privacy Act Notice

- . "Privacy Act Notice available upon request" verbiage must appear on page 1 of the return
- . The verbiage should appear where indicated on the transparent films provided to the vendors
- If need be, the verbiage may be printed elsewhere, provided that it not interfere with any OCR fields

 $^{^{\}rm 14}$ As found on the official Department produced version of the forms $_{\rm 10/26/2006}$

- The Privacy Act Notice must be made available to the software user by the software developer.
- . The 'Notice' may be presented in either printed "hard-copy" or software "soft-copy" formats

The Department's Acceptance Criteria

- . Can we read the 2-D barcode?
- . Is the data within the 2-D barcode located in the correct field?
- . Can we read the 1-D barcode?
- . Is the 1-D barcode correct on each page?
- . Are the 1-D and 2-D barcodes correctly sized and located?
- . Using the transparent films provided to the vendors, do anchors and fields on the test samples line up to the films, within REASONABLE tolerances?
- Those vendors providing Massachusetts Personal Income Tax Forms and Schedules must pass <u>BOTH</u> the 2D and exact positioning requirements.

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NOTE:

It is imperative that all **SCANNABLE** personal income tax form samples be sent to the address mentioned above. All **SCANNABLE** personal income tax form samples sent to this address are prioritized.

Any **SCANNABLE** personal income tax form sample that is sent to any other Mass DOR mailing address will be subject to delays in form testing/approval

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NOTE:

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Any **NON-SCANNABLE** personal income tax form sample that is sent to any other Mass DOR mailing address will be subject to delays in form testing/approval

Other Resources 15:

The National Association of Computerized Tax Processors (NACTP) website - http://www.nactp.org/. The 'Computerized Industry Standards' document is particularly helpful.

Federation of Tax Administrators (FTA) website www.taxadmin.org. The 2-D Barcode Standards document is a good source for vendors who are being introduced to 2-D barcode technology.

Massachusetts Department of Revenue website http://www.dor.state.ma.us/. Refer to the site map to find draft and final versions of the latest forms and schedules, as well as other helpful information.

United States Postal Service website http://www.usps.com/. Please refer to the 'Postal Addressing Standards' document at http://pe.usps.gov/cpim/ftp/pubs/Pub28/Pub28.pdf

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 $^{^{\}rm 15}$ Note: website addresses are current as of 08/24/2006 $^{\rm 10/26/2006}$

Document Revisions

Updates to this document will be posted to DOR's Web site http://www.mass.gov/dor on Friday afternoons. Please check for updates over the weekend or on Monday mornings to ensure that you have the most current document.

This page is included to track changes between published revisions of this document.

Number	Date	Revision		
2006-1.0	9/06/2006	Form yr & Fiscal year update in part 2		
		Removed * indicating changes from last yr in part 2, field #		
		Only ONE Schedule Z/DI is allowed, extra dependents or states should be		
		accounted for in an attachment.		
		Updated information for Composite Returns under the NRPY on page 16.		
		Corrected paper size to 8 ½" X 11"		
		Line items from Schedule Y that are in Form-1 (field # 70, 71, 72) &		
		NRPY (field # 99, 100, 101) barcodes are re-ordered to follow line number		
		sequence.		
		NTSL had 2 unused fields (formerly field # 20 & 21) removed		
		Updated location column based on Grids		
		Verified Web sites are correct		
2006-2.0	9/20/2006	Edits limited to Field number references within the Part 1 document.		
	10/02/2006	Fields 161 through 165 for the NRPY adjusted due to missing and extra		
		field number.		
		Included Schedule TDS in Table 3		
	10/25/2006	4 additional fields to the end of Form 1 barcode and 5 to the end of NRPY		
		barcode.		